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Senator Tom George  
Chairman, Health Policy Committee  
Michigan State Senate  
Lansing, MI

Dear Senator George:

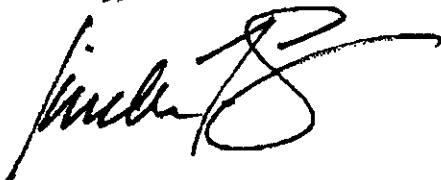
On behalf of Altarum Institute, I am writing to express support for SB 365 and 366 being taken up by the Senate Health Policy Committee tomorrow.

Altarum is a Michigan-based nonprofit research institute focused on sustainable systems change to improve human health. We have a long history of supporting the State's efforts to develop a strong public health infrastructure.

Accordingly, we have been engaged in the development and support of the Healthy Kids Healthy Michigan (HKHM) policy agenda since the initiative's launch. We fully support this agenda and the specific bills currently under consideration.

Please let me know if there is anything Altarum can do to help.

Sincerely,



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President & Chief Executive Officer  
Altarum Institute